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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: J. Dean COLE	§ §	Group Art Unit: 3733
Serial No. 10/799,179	§ §	Examiner: Ramana, Anuradha
Filed: March 12, 2004	§ §	Examiner. Kamana, Andradia
For: PERCUTANEOUS FIXATOR AND METHOD OF INSERTION	§ §	

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The present paper is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed May 9, 2006. No fees, including extension of time fees, are believed necessary for consideration of the present paper. However, if any fees, including extension of time fees are necessary, the extension of time is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including those for the extension of time, to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

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